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GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO THE
U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 3528
WASHINGTON 7, D.C.
ENRICO FERMI AWARD

January 4, 1963

Dear Sir:

The General Advisory Committee invites you as an individual to submit a nomination for the next Enrico Fermi Award. This Award is made under the provision of Section 157b(3) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 which states that, "..... The Commission may also, upon the recommendation of the General Advisory Committee, and with the approval of the President, grant an award for any especially meritorious contribution to the development, use, or control of atomic energy."

The first award under this Act was made on November 16, 1954, to Enrico Fermi. In December of 1955 the General Advisory Committee recommended to the Atomic Energy Commission that an Enrico Fermi Award be established on a permanent basis, and that it be international in scope, available to scientists of all nations. The recommendations, together with others pertaining to the Award, were approved by the Commission early in 1956.

The Commission determined that the Award should be made not more often than annually, and not necessarily annually. The recipients of the Award have been Dr. John von Neumann, Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, Dr. Eugene P. Wigner, Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Dr. Hans A. Bethe, and Dr. Edward Teller.

The General Advisory Committee now has the duty of soliciting nominations for the next Award and of recommending a candidate or candidates to the Commission. The Committee and the Commission wish no worthy candidate to be overlooked. In making a nomination, please place principal emphasis on the statement of scientific and technical achievements upon which the nomination is based. Please minimize such data as can be found in standard reference works.

You may wish to know that nominees who fail of selection are retained on the Committee's list for further consideration for two additional years. If the candidate has not been selected in three consecutive years, his or her name will be removed from the list unless the candidate has been renominated in that time or until renominated.

Nominations for the next Award should be received by the Chairman, General Advisory Committee, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, P. O. Box 3528, Washington 7, D. C., not later than March 1, 1963. Your assistance in making nominations will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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